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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 19th to the 29th September, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, September 22, 1900. 1850

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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at the Extraordinary General Meeting of  
the Company held on 4th May, 1900, is  
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1st of October, 1900.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
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to the 28th instant, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, September 21, 1900. 1958

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the  
TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY  
GENERAL MEETING of the Society will  
be held at its Head Office, No. 1, Queen's  
Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY,  
the 11th October, 1900, at Noon, for the  
purpose of receiving the Report of the  
Directors together with Statements of  
Account for the year 1899 and for the half  
year ending June 19, 1900, and of  
declaring DIVIDENDS, &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society  
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Hongkong, September 8, 1900.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1900.

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

11 a.m.—*Thales* leaves for Swallow.

## Auctions.

Noon.—Auction of Sundry Goods and Effects, by Messrs. Hughes &amp; Hough.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, at No. 10, Mountain View, the Peak.

## Meetings.

9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Preceptory and Priory.

9 p.m.—Grand Volunteer Promenade Concert, on the Parade Ground at Headquarters.

## GENERAL MEMORANDA.

TUESDAY, September 27.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Fixtures, &amp;c., at Mr. Atack's Store, 29, Queen's Road Central.

Goods per *Bombay* not cleared at 4 p.m., subject to rent.

FRIDAY, September 28.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Surplus Stores, Clothing, Copper, Iron, &amp;c., at Central Police Station.

5.30 p.m.—Meeting of the Hongkong Hockey Club, in the Cricket Club Pavilion.

SATURDAY, September 29.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.

Goods per *Bawler*, undelivered after this date, subject to rent.

FRIDAY, October 5.—

Final Call of \$1.00 per Share of the Tebrau Planting Co., Ltd., due.

THURSDAY, October 4.—

Noon.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., at No. 1, Queen's Buildings.

## Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falster &amp; Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, September 25, 1900.

BAROMETER—9 a.m. ... 29.93

Do. ... 29.85

Do. ... 29.84

THERMOMETER—9 a.m. ... 83

Do. ... 84

Do. ... 84

(Wet bulb) 9 a.m. 76

Do. ... 74

Do. ... 74

Do. Maximum ... 84

Do. Minimum overnight 81

## Exchange.

HONGKONG, September 25, 1900.

On London—

Bank, Wire, ... ... ... 2011

" On demand, ... ... ... 2010

" 30 days sight, ... ... ... 2013

" 4 months sight, ... ... ... 2014

Credits, 1%, ... ... ... 2114

Documentary, 4 months sight, ... ... ... 2114

On Paris—

2.50

On demand, ... ... ... 2.64

Credits, 4 months sight, ... ... ... 2.64

On Berlin—Dated, ... ... ... 2.11

On New York—

501

On demand, ... ... ... 618

Credits, 60 days' sight, ... ... ... 618

On Bombay—

Wire, ... ... ... 154

On demand, ... ... ... 154

On Calcutta—

Wire, ... ... ... 154

On demand, ... ... ... 1513

On Singapore—

On demand, ... ... ... 1% pm

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On demand, ... ... ... 1% pm

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## DEATH.

On Sunday, the 18th September, at her residence, 82 Institution Hill, Singapore, SIR ANTHONY, the dearly-beloved wife of Archibald Campbell.

The publication of this notice commenced at 5.35 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1900.

## Editorial Comment.

The result of the recent COALING strike at Marseilles in delaying the French mail so HONGKONG that the first has become last, sounds a note of warning to Hongkong, which it will be well for the authorities to take heed of. When we come to consider that one of the most important ports in the world, whether we regard it as naval, has a coaling station, or a commercial enterprise, is absolutely dependent upon its cargo boats and coolies for loading and unloading vessels, and for cooling them, it may well give us cause for anxiety to even contemplate what a strike among our curving population would mean, and who dare say that, at the present juncture, such a thing is not within the bounds of probability? At this moment, we are in the throes of a crisis of which no person can even pretend to know the issue. It may happen that, at any moment, the necessity may arise for the recall of a portion, at any rate, of our fleet in Chinese waters to Hongkong. To what extent their mobility would be affected in the event of a strike such as that we have indicated, must be patent to all. Doubtless, the bluejackets could commandeer and man the coal barges, requisition the stocks of coal, and eventually fit the bunkers of their ships, but official red tapism would render this process, we are afraid, an exceedingly lengthy one. What is wanted here, and what the Government have to provide at the shortest notice if we are to be armed against all contingencies, is a large coal storage depot, say at Kowloon, with wharves, alongside which men of war can lie, so that the work of cooling would be reduced to a minimum, and the coal boats entirely done away with. Then in the event of a strike, honest Jack would do the shovelling into the trucks, run them along the wharves, and dump the contents into the bunkers. We understand that the Naval Authorities once had some such scheme in contemplation and Lord Charles Beresford impressed upon the home authorities its imperative necessity, but it has apparently been consigned to the limbo of forgotten things. The sooner the scheme is taken in hand the better.

There is more in the capture of the Peitang Forts than is at first apparent. PEITANG FORTS and Great Britain will awake to that fact when the day is far spent and her opportunity is gone. The control of the Taku-Peking-Shanghai-Kwan Railway was conceded to Russia by the Admiral representing the Powers—the British and American Admirals being in a minority of two. What right these representatives of the Foreign Powers had to dispose of British interests in this arbitrary manner we have yet to learn. The railway was constructed largely with British capital and almost entirely by British energy, perseverance and honesty, and is practically the property of the British Chinese corporation. Mr. Kinder, who is the superintendent of the line, is a British subject. And yet it is turned over to Russia without apparently a word of protest from Great Britain. Behind Peitang Forts and dominated by the Chinese guns are situated the repairing works of the railway at Tongshan. We are informed on most reliable authority that the mandarin in charge of these forts notified the Allies that provided he was left alone he would not hamper the operations of the Powers. This official fully realises the hopelessness of his position. His orders were to fire upon the foreigners if they assayed an attack upon the forts, and he was willing to obey his commands to the letter. But so long as he was left unmolested he gave his guarantee to refrain from opening fire. The Russians have not, for some time, been comfortable, however, with the fort's dominating the workshops, and the domination has been removed. Russia is now in undisputed possession of the whole line of railway from Peking to Shantung. Tientsin will be frozen up during the winter months, and the Allied Powers of Europe, if they decide to retain garrisons at Peking, will be dependent upon the generosity of Russia for their supplies. It is galling to contemplate the possibilities of the Russian control of this line of British railway which has been conceived by the Muscovites ever since its construction. It is high time for Great Britain to awake, for this is not the time to sacrifice an atom of prestige in China.

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CANTON NOTES.  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
The Production of Anonymous Placards.

CANTON, September 24.

There is no more difficulty in Chinese than there would be in English in telling whether a composition is the work of an educated or an uneducated man. When the people are thoroughly roused over any business the ordinary coolie does not object to try to give the public the benefit of his ideas on the question that is engrossing the attention. On great occasions like the present the literary men take up the role that properly belongs to him; it is the leader and instructor of the populace. In this way they wield an enormous power for good or evil, generally the latter. The fact that there are to be no examinations this year has given the literati abundance of leisure to manufacture lies and circulate libels on the hated foreigner. To give point and interest to these fabrications stories have been added of great and brilliant Chinese victories. They know exactly what suits the popular taste and so their productions have been carried far and near. The difficulty of tracing these papers to their source is a task extremely hard. To the Hoi Ping Magistrate belongs the honour of making two important arrests. He found two first degree men busy doing this diabolical work and immediately had them arrested and taken to his yamen. It is to be hoped that an example will be made of these men as a warning to others.

## The Shun Tak Disturbances.

The evidence that is coming out with regard to this affair seems to point to the fact that it was not a sudden uprising but a well planned and pre-arranged business. There were simultaneous risings in a number of places in the Shun Tak District. In addition to the priest who was wounded another priest met with an accident in trying to escape. A lot of the women converts have come up to Canton for safety and are finding a refuge at the Roman Catholic cathedral. Up to this morning (Monday) the *Aeclanque* has not returned to her charge at the Shamian.

## LATER.

Rumours were going round the Shamian on Saturday to the effect that the Shun Tak rising had been nipped in the bud. That report must be received with caution as applying only to those parts reached by the gunboats and soldiers. On Saturday soldiers left Canton for the Shun Tak District, and up to Sunday morning the French gunboat *Aeclanque* had not returned. Several rebels have been arrested and four of them were summarily executed. The Chinese statement is to be believed, and it does not sound at all improbable, that the main body of the rioters have moved towards the Nam Hoi District to a place near the Si Tui Hills. It is at least known that there are many Roman Catholics in that region, and that the Nam Hoi magistrate has sent a number of soldiers to protect them.

## Unsettled State of Fatschan.

There has been quite a harvest of anonymous placards and false Imperial Edict in Fatschan, considerably in excess of those that have been circulated in Canton. It is no exaggeration to say that as a consequence the minds of the people have been greatly perturbed. Fatschan lends itself to panic and excitement even more than Canton. In Canton the citizens are not confined to any particular part of the city. In Fatschan on the other hand the workmen are all within easy reach of one another. For days the constant talk has been of the remarkable victories of China. These stories being in accordance to their ideas and wishes they have been doing their best to persuade one another as to their truth. Passing along the street it has been a common experience to hear men asserting the truth and genuineness of these false Edicts and alleging as a proof that they or some friends have received them direct from the Viceroy's yamen in Canton.

Just after I had written the above news was brought to me of some disturbance that has taken place in Fatschan. Particulars have not come to hand.

## NORTHERN NOTES.

(P. and T. Times.)

TIENSHIN, September 3.

## Old Comrades in Arms.

Among the arrivals this week are a fine body of Italians, the Borzoglio, who strayed to say, we with the R. W. Fusiliers in Cidé during the trouble there: the 34th Pioneers, Battery C, Royal Horse Artillery and British Field Hospital No. 22.

## Preparations for Wintering.

Although the military authorities have not for the last part experienced the rigours of a North China winter, we may expect that they will consider what will be the best means for counteracting the cold for the troops collecting here. The season being now favourable for the work, we shall not be surprised to see a movement in the direction of erecting small mud huts on the Chinese canal model which would afford much better protection than caves, the mud hut being notoriously a very snug and warm residence, besides being easily and cheaply constructed. Some of the camping grounds boast ruins which might be roughly roofed with mud and afford excellent shelter. If steps are adopted promptly there seems no reason why all the troops should not be fairly well housed against the frosts and winds of our northern winter before it commences.

## HONGKONG COTTON SPINNING, WEAVING, AND DYEING COMPANY LIMITED.

## Its Financial Position.

Yesterday afternoon an informal meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving, and Dyeing Company was held, at the offices of the General Managers (Messrs Jardine, Matheson and Co.), for the purpose of discussing the financial position of the Company. The Hon. J. J. Keswick presided, and there were also present the Hon. C. P. Clater, C.M.C., Messrs A. Haupt (directors), J. McKie (secretary), David Gillies, Gideon Stewart, Forest, S. Ruston, Byam, Ho Foo, Chan Siu, Chan Chau Nau, Fuk Tsan Kang, and Ho U Shang.

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, at the annual meeting held on the 3rd inst., I mentioned that you would shortly be called together to consider the position of the company, and to come to a decision as to its future. You have been invited here today for that purpose, but quite in an informal manner. Although in the meantime an improvement in the Market has taken place which would warrant our stock of yarns being entered at a slightly higher figure than it appeared at in the statement of accounts then submitted to you, this advance in values is not sufficient to make any important change in the financial position of the Company, and for the purposes of this informal meeting I will ask you to regard that statement as unaffected. You are aware that after allowing for the probable proceeds of your stock, value of cotton, etc., the amount due to the Company by Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. approximates to \$1,000,000, an amount we have decided not to exceed, although we are willing not to press for the repayment of it at present, if some arrangement can be made as to working capital. It will be evident to you, however, that it is necessary that working capital must be obtained in order to carry on, and it is the consideration of how this necessary capital has to be provided that I ask you to address yourselves. I have to add that, subject to the regular quarterly payment of interest on the amount they have advanced, and provided that shareholders are prepared to furnish a capital of not less than \$300,000, Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. will undertake that payment of the sum advanced, or any portion of it, will not be demanded before the end of September, 1901, unless results of working appear to them to justify it. In conclusion I trust you understand that if you do not come forward and protect your own interests, I am compelled to do so, as I have indicated to indicate, it will be necessary to postpone an extraordinary meeting as early a date as is permissible, at which I shall be reluctantly compelled to submit a resolution for the liquidation of the concern. It depends entirely upon you, gentlemen, whether this step will have to be taken. Acquainted with the position as you have been for at least a month past you have each of you no doubt in your own mind whether you will provide sufficient capital to give the enterprise a more extensive trial than it has yet had, and I invite your remarks on the situation or suggestions as to how the present difficulties have to be met. It is unnecessary for me to say that it would be the deepest regret that I could contemplate the necessity of submitting a petition to the liquidators of the Company, and I will welcome any chance of escape from such an unpleasant alternative. I beg therefore, gentlemen, to afford me the benefit of your advice in this important matter, and to consider whether you can supply the funds necessary to further test the possibilities of making the enterprise a success.

Mr. Gillies—My Chairman and gentlemen, I understand from your remarks just now that a sum of \$300,000 would be sufficient to give the concern another trial—a fair trial—and would probably end in success. Have the shareholders been consulted in the matter of increasing the capital? I think this is but a very small sum considering the amount already subscribed, the shares being \$100 each. I think if the matter is fairly presented, to the shareholders they would be willing to make forward with another \$30 per share to make up the sum, which you think necessary to keep the concern running and paying a paying footing. I do not know what you have to say to ascertain the feelings of the shareholders in this matter, but I think looking at it from a business point of view, it would be well worth the while of the shareholders to subscribe another \$25 per share and thereby save a great loss in all probability. If the concern got into liquidation there will be a very small return, if any, for the shareholders. I think that if the matter is fairly laid before the shareholders they would be quite willing to subscribe the \$25 per share which you think necessary.

The Chairman—In reply to Mr. Gillies' enquiry as to whether any steps have been taken to place the matter fairly before the shareholders in the sense to which Mr. Gillies referred, I can only say that at the general meeting I made the position as clear as I could, and the present informal meeting is for the purpose of inviting suggestions as to how we should overcome the present difficulty. I am very much obliged to you for your frank and open bearing on the question. The feeling we have in regard to the capital required is that if we had three millions of dollars more we think we could carry on for at least a year, and should not ask for the repayment of the money due to us before the end of September, 1901. I may say that we are very anxious in connection with this kind of business by every means in our power to forestall taking any extreme measures before the company has had as good a chance as possible of testing whether it has the merit of success within it or not. Therefore, I do not wish to precipitate matters in any way, and if there is the least likelihood of the shareholders subscribing the \$90,000, the difficulty will be overcome certainly for a year and I think altogether. I may say that the sum mentioned by Mr. Gillies—\$25 a share would only give \$800,000.

Mr. Gillies—I concur with Mr. Gillies in certain respects. I think it would be advisable to issue preference shares, giving the present shareholders the first chance to take them up and then throwing them open to the public.

After a consultation with the directors, Mr. Ruston proposed—that the General Managers have a mortgage on the company for the amount due to them, and that preference shares to the amount of \$300,000 be offered to the present shareholders first, any balance to be offered to the public.

Mr. Gershon Stewart seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

No further proposal being made the proceedings terminated, the chairman remitting as early as possible to consider the question as it had been raised by the general meeting.

## PROMENADE CONCERT.

The following is the programme arranged for the promenade concert to be held on the Parade Ground, Headquarters of the Volunteer Corps, tomorrow night, commencing at 9 p.m.:

- 1.—March, "Tanzhausen" .... Wagner THE BAND.
- 2.—Song, "My Sweetheart, when a boy" .... Morgan Mr. Geo. P. LAMMERT.
- 3.—Opera Solo, "The Lost Chord" Sullivan Private G. Townley A.O.C.
- 4.—Song, "The King's Minstrel" ... Pinsetti Mr. Alice MARSH.
- 5.—Comic Song, "I'm looking at yer" Carter Arm. Surgt. F. R. VIGORS, A.O.C.
- 6.—Song, "Queen of the Earth" ... Pinsetti Mr. E. E. HILL.
- 7.—Trio from, "Fair" ..... Gounod Missis LAMBERT, MARSH and SCHUTZ.
- 8.—Selection, "Mignon" ..... Sullivan THE BAND.

## PART II.

- 1.—Overture, "Mignon" Ambrose Thomas THE BAND.
- 2.—Song, "Toreador's Song from Carmen" ..... Bizet Mr. Alice MARSH.
- 3.—Flute Solo, "Fantasia on 'La Sonnambula'" Bellini Sargent, Donisthorpe, R.W.F.
- 4.—Song, "The Deathless Army" ... Trelawny Mr. W. J. TERRIL.
- 5.—Comic Song, "Sticking out" ... Durden Aron. Surgt. F. R. VIGORS, A.O.C.
- 6.—Song, "Ho, Jolly Jenkins!" ... Sullivan Mr. C. H. GRACE.
- 7.—Duet, "Love and War" ... Cooke Missis LAMBERT and MARSH.
- 8.—Descriptive piece, "Dance of Demons" ..... GOUNOD THE BAND.

Capital Loss of the "Itis."

The *Japan Herald* says Captain Ian of the "Itis" who was severely wounded in the attack on the Taku fort, and who has been undergoing treatment of Dr. Knott at the German Hospital at Yokohama for the past two months, appeared in the German Club there on September 19th, for the first time where he was unostentatiously received with three "Hochs." The gallant Captain has not yet recovered the use of the shattered left leg, and was therefore obliged to walk on the one sound leg, without, however, using any crutches. The *Herald* understands he is going to stay in Yokohama for a few months longer.

## Opium Quotations.

HONGKONG, September 25, 1900.  
New Patna, cash ..... 972½  
Old Patna, cash ..... 952½  
New Benares, cash ..... 952½  
Old Benares, cash ..... 952½  
New Malwa, credit ..... 810/830  
Lahore, Tadka ..... 1/1 catty  
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Alluvium, Tadka ..... 1/1 catty  
Old Malwa credit ..... 870/890  
Allowance, Tadka ..... 1/1 catty  
Persian, Oily, cash ..... 1/1 catty  
Allowance, Tadka ..... 1/1 catty  
Persian, Paper tied long ..... 830/840  
Allowance, Tadka ..... 1/1 catty

STEAMERS PASSED SUEZ CANAL  
(CAPTURED THROUGH READER).

OUTWARD.—*Bequia*, Canton River, *Hestebro*, August 7; *Candia*, Charles Rooper, *Moskva*, Neuchatel, *Surdista*, 14; *Adria*, *Pherion*, Polynesia, 17; *Deshpigny*, Nord America, 21; *Alexandre III*, *Cyclades*, 24; *Glenstewart*, Kowai, Adato, Cleaver, Le Charnier, 28; *Hakiki Maru*, *Drummond*, *Mare*, Obi, Uruguay, 31; *Maria Teresa*, Sept. 4; *Bornemisza*, *Afghanistan*, Laos, Ayeyarwady, Tenby, T.; Oldenburg, Yangtsze, Erred Suwans, Asaro, Apia, Sydney, Durban, Waddo, Athessa, Jeannine, Paitina, II; Andalucia, San Maria, Indrapura, Hanoi, Tonkin, Tondano, Wayan, Ambari, Pekin, Cavitte, Davao, 12; *Aracuda*, *Streets*, Agamian, Loman, Teng, Nirmung, 18; *Glenelg*, *Orefield*, Ajax, Albany, Nordenay, Paem, Yaldana, Dined, 21.

HOMEWARD.—*Benoitik*, August 10; *Macau*, 13; *Centon*, 21; *Silesia*, Sept. 4; *Meridian*, *Westerlind*, 21.

*Mails.*

The M. M. Co.'s steamer *Jack*, with the *Fuxien* Mail of August the 24th, left Singapore on Sunday, at 7 o'clock, the 23rd Sept., and may be expected here on or about Sunday, the 30th Sept. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 21st July.

The Imp. German Mail a.s. *Oldenburg*, carrying the German Mails with dates from Berlin of the 3rd Sept., left Colonia on Friday afternoon, the 21st Sept., and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 26th Sept.

The O. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Doric*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 10th Sept.

The T. & K. n.n. *Nippon Maru*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, Yokohama, Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 22nd Sept.

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